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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## DISTRICT OF OREGON

## PORTLAND DIVISION

WESTERN WATERSHEDS PROJECT, OREGON NATURAL DESERT ASS'N, WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, and CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR and BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:21-cv-00297-HL

NOTICE OF DEFENDANTS' WITHDRAWAL OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) Defendants indicated in their reply in support of their motion to dismiss that they would formally withdraw the January 19, 2021, Finding of No Significant Impact ("FONSI") at issue in this case. *See* ECF No. 25 at 1 ("Defendants intend to formally withdraw the FONSI and will inform the Court when they have done so."). Defendants hereby provide notice that the U.S. Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") withdrew the FONSI by posting a notice on its ePlanning website on Friday, February 18, 2022. *See* February 18, 2022 Notice, under "What's New," *available at* https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/1504684/510. The notice states in full:

On December 3, 2021, BLM issued a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and initiated scoping to support a new decision relating to the Bridge Creek Area Allotment Management Plans. In light of this new effort and ongoing litigation, we are withdrawing the FONSI dated January 19, 2021.

*Id.* The February 18th notice withdraws the formerly issued FONSI dated January 19, 2021.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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